



Lunenburg Public Schools

Loxi Jo Calmes
Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, October 19, 2011
Brooks House – 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

School Committee

David Reif
Gregory Berthiaume
Michael Mackin
Donna White
Colleen Shapiro

Superintendent

Loxi Jo Calmes

Recording Secretary

Mary Landi

Student Representative

Jen Markham

Guests

Sara Lane, Christine Bonci, Karen Martin

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- * Call to Order – Dr. Reif called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
 - * Chairman's Report – Dr. Reif welcomed everyone.
 - * Review and Approve Minutes – Dr. Reif approved the September 28, 2011 and October 5, 2011 Regular Session Minutes.
 - * Review and Approve Warrants – Warrants were on the table for signature, along with two line item transfers – one from TCP and one from special services. Superintendent Calmes recommended approval of the line item transfers.
 - * Superintendent's Report
 - Superintendent Calmes thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting.
 - Parent/Teacher conferences were held today.
 - Miles for Myles event will be held on October 23.
 - The superintendent spoke about the financial projections and what is known and not known at this point for inclusion in the projection. Revenue streams were reviewed.
 - The timetable around the FY13 budget was reviewed. The School Committee will schedule the second meeting in January at the high school, as well as an additional meeting on February 8, also to be held at the high school in the auditorium.
 - * Student Report – Ms. Markham reported:
 - Boys soccer qualified for the districts.
 - This coming week is Spirit Week culminating with a rally on Friday and Homecoming on Saturday with various athletic events.
 - * Public Comment – Mr. Mackin attended the Town Manager's financial presentation last night. The Board of Selectmen understands the need for an override.
 - * New Business
Discussion

a. Draft Report from Advisory on Reconfiguration – Mr. Mackin thanked everyone on the Advisory Committee, as well as Mr. Londa, for their important work. He reminded everyone of the School Committee charge to the Advisory Committee. Mr. Mackin summarized the work of the committee. The current high school facility is inadequate to meet the educational needs of the students. Reconfigure three schools on the central campus by closing one school to create a grades 6-12 middle/high school. A 6-12 building would maintain the current developmentally appropriate and effective middle school model for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade level teams.

b. FY13 Proposed Budgets

- T.C. Passios – Dr. Lane joined the committee at the table. She presented her budget request and also reviewed TCP's progress to date for FY12 and projected for FY13. If given the opportunity, she would like to have laptops for all teachers and iPads for students. Dr. Lane highlighted the accomplishments of last year and touched on those from this year.
- Primary School – Ms. Bonci joined the committee at the table. She presented her budget request to the School Committee. The two items that increased the FY13 budget were the Handwriting without Tears program and the Lexia contract. There was some discussion around technology for the students. She also spoke about Vertical Teaming, the recycling program, and DIBELS at the Primary School.
- Instructional Services – Ms. Karen Martin joined the committee at the table to present the FY13 proposed instructional services budget. She talked about the budgets historically relating to curriculum adoption. ARRA funds supplemented budget funds during FY10 and FY11. Dr. Reif asked for a summary of what delays have been made over the past 8 years. He also asked for a comparison of what should be spent vs. what is spent, and what the impacts have been. There was a discussion around books, on-line books, and future technology.

* Old Business
Discussion

a. Revised District Math Curriculum – Second Reading – Ms. Martin talked about RTI (Response To Intervention) with regard to math. She noted that we have hired a part-time RTI specialist for the Primary School and TCP. At THMS and LHS there is an interventionist for one block a day. We are using data to form learning groups. RTI taskforces are in place as well to help move the schools forward with RTI. Teachers need to be able to use the data on a daily basis. There was discussion around finding an expert to help. Dr. Reif said he may have a contact from Raytheon.

b. School Committee FY12 Goals – Dr. Berthiaume read the following motion:

Develop a three year plan, including funding requirements, that implements the District Improvement Plan. Plan must have sufficient detail and specific goals to engage community in a discussion regarding the appropriate level of funding for the District in the future. Plan must also incorporate advisory committee recommendations and demonstrate a vision for the future of Lunenburg Public Schools at all grades.

Ms. Shapiro moved and Mr. Mackin seconded a motion to approve the School Committee goal as read.
Vote: unanimous.

* Public Comment – None.

* Reports

a. Advisory Committee

b. Finance Committee

c. School Councils – Mr. Mackin reported on the LHS School Council meeting. He said there is discussion around adding a new goal for this year.

d. PTO

e. Policy Sub-Committee – Will meet on Friday. A concussion policy needs to be put in place soon. Acceptable Use Policy is also under review. There was discussion on the concussion policy for other groups that use our facility.

f. Capital Planning Committee

g. Health Advisory Committee

- h. PAC/SAL
- i. Regional Planning Committee
- j. Rep. Benson's Advisory
- l. Other

* Continuing Projects/Estimated Date of Completion

* Items for Future Discussion

- Workshop Sessions
- Facilities Use Procedure
- Civic Engagement

* Executive Session - M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 23B [3] To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the government's bargaining or litigating position. None.

* Adjournment – At 8:38 p.m. Ms. Shapiro moved and Mr. Mackin seconded a motion to adjourn regular session. Vote: unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mary Landi
Recording Secretary

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APPROVED

Lunenburg School Committee

Date: 11/9/11

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